Reply of Government.—Meetings in which educational matters are discussed will be thrown open to the public interested in such discussions. But the privilege cannot be extended to meetings in which industrial or other questions are considered.

SUBJECT No. 125.

Restoration of minor tanks to be considered by the Economic Conference.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There are about 11,000 minor tanks in the State. Their uses and objects are not fulfilled owing to two causes; (1) there have been no good rains for the past few years; and (2) owing to the neglect of ryots, tank beds have silted up and become shallow. Consequently, water stored in them is quite inadequate for the supply of lands below them and the *saguvali* wells under them have dried up. These tanks were formerly built by the enforcement of communal labour during the time of the *Pollegars* and Rulers of the State and were being properly maintained. Similarly, the restoration of these tanks would be useful to the State. If at least 500 of these tanks are restored every year, much good will be derived by the State within 20 years. By improving major tanks and throwing up dams across the big rivers of the State, only certain parts of the State will be benefited. It is prayed that the subject of improving the minor tanks may also be included in the list of subjects for discussion in the Economic Conference as it would conduce to the well-being of the entire State.

Reply of Government.—A good proposal. Will be adopted.

SUBJECT No. 126.

Revival of old industries.

Mr. Narayanasami Chetty, Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion.—While we are thankful for takavi advances sanctioned for industrial enterprise, it is suggested that as the introduction of new industries is of an experimental and risky nature, enquiry might be instituted in view of reviving old industries and encouraging the same by granting loans and bonus, etc.

Reply of Government.—Specific suggestions will, if made, receive due attention.

SUBJECT No. 127.

Industrial schools.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—Industrial schools may be established in places where there are no such schools and as a trial, it may be made compulsory for students of other schools to learn in the afternoon some one industry along with drawing.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 128.

Industrial subjects in village schools.

Mr. Rasool Khan, Anjuman-e-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made for teaching industrial subjects in village schools with practical demonstrations, the subjects to be taught depending upon the local products readily available in the vicinity.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.